

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION, IMPROVEMENT, AND SERVICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT FUNDING

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Transit

COMMENT: In 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1B to fund needed transportation improvement projects. Included within Proposition 1B was the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Services Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) program, which provides needed capital and safety/security funds to transit agencies (and cities operating transit programs).

From 2009 to 2013, the City has received \$2.6 million in financial assistance to purchase transit buses, a trolley, various bus stop improvements and amenities, and information technology systems (ITS).

On January 14, 2015, the City received notice of the State's call for projects for cycle two of FY 2014/2015 Prop 1B PTMISEA funding, of which the City's allocation is \$324,695.

Staff is requesting authorization to apply for cycle two (2) FY 2014/2015 PTMISEA funds to purchase automated passenger counters. Automated passenger counters improve operational efficiency by delivering the most complete and accurate passenger count data. Automated passenger counters also improve National Transit Database (NTD) reporting to over 95% accuracy, while reducing the need for manual staff sampling.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Authorize Staff to apply for cycle two FY 2014/2015 PTMISEA funding; and
2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Resolution authorizing Staff to purchase automatic passenger counters.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution

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RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_ - 2015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PORTERVILLE AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PURCHASE  
AUTOMATIC PASSENGER COUNTERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Porterville operates a comprehensive transit system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been allocated State and Federal funding to implement and support transit capital projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's 2012 Short Range Transit Plan identified the use of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) to provide significant operational improvements resulting in financial returns.

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City's best interest to improve transit operational efficiency by delivering the most complete and accurate passenger count data.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Porterville that the Transit Division is authorized to purchase an automatic passenger counting system to improve the operational efficiency and plan accordingly, based on the actual demands of ridership, enabling operations that are economically and environmentally sustainable.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

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Milt Stowe, Mayor

ATTEST:  
John D. Lollis, City Clerk

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By: Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk